

Kenya - Dental Students 2008 (3rd Year Students Only) Global Health Professions Student Survey (GHPSS)

FACT SHEET

The Kenya dental students GHPSS includes data on prevalence of cigarette smoking and use of other tobacco products, knowledge and attitudes about tobacco use, exposure to second-hand smoke, desire for smoking cessation, and training received during dental school regarding patient counseling on smoking cessation techniques.

This information could be very useful in monitoring and developing Kenya's comprehensive tobacco control program. The Kenya dental students GHPSS was a census of 3rd year dental students attending the 1 dental school in Kenya that was conducted in 2008. A total of 24 3rd year students participated in the Kenya dental students GHPSS. The overall response rate of all dental students surveyed was 86.2%.

Prevalence

- 47.8% ever smoked cigarettes (Males = 45.5%, Females = 50.0%)
- 0.0% currently smoke cigarettes (Males = 0.0%, Females = 0.0%)
- 12.5% ever used any form of tobacco other than cigarettes (Males = 8.3%, Females = 16.7%)
- 4.2% currently use any form of tobacco other than cigarettes (Males = 0.0%, Females = 8.3%)

Factors Influencing Tobacco Use

- 45.8% were exposed to second-hand smoke at home, during the past week.
- 41.7% were exposed to second-hand smoke in public places during the past week
- 81.3% reported that their school had a ban on smoking in school buildings and clinics
- 79.2% thought smoking should be banned in all enclosed public places
- 95.8% thought tobacco sales to adolescents should be banned
- 62.5% thought there should be a complete ban on advertising tobacco products
- 83.3% were taught about the dangers of smoking during dental school training

Role Model and Cessation Training

- 95.8% thought health professionals serve as role models for their patients
- 100.0% thought health professionals have a role in giving advice about smoking cessation to patients
- 8.3% received formal training in smoking cessation approaches during dental school
- 87.5% thought health professionals should get specific training on cessation techniques

Highlights

47.8% have ever smoked cigarettes and 4.2% currently use other tobacco products

Over four in 10 were exposed to smoke in public places

Almost eight in 10 support a ban on smoking in all enclosed public places

8.3% received training to provide patients with cessation approaches

87.5% think health professionals should get specific training on cessation techniques to use with patients